

**Meeting with Texas State Agencies
on Hydraulic Fracturing
June 20, 2014
US EPA ATTENDEES**

Sam Coleman, Deputy Regional Administrator, US EPA Region 6

Sam Coleman is the Deputy Regional Administrator for the EPA Region 6 in Dallas, Texas. Coleman brings decades of EPA experience and leadership, from leading hazardous waste clean ups and emergency response missions to directing Region 6 enforcement activities.

Coleman held several positions at EPA prior to his current position, including Director of the Superfund Division in Region 6, Director of the Compliance Assurance and Enforcement Division in Region 6 and Deputy Director of the Office of Site Remediation Enforcement at EPA Headquarters in Washington, DC. He guided EPA's response to Hurricane Katrina as the agency's senior federal official in New Orleans, leading EPA's emergency response and recovery missions. For these efforts, Coleman was awarded a Meritorious Presidential Rank Award in 2009.

Coleman has provided extraordinary leadership in cleaning up contaminated sites, from massive, complex efforts such as Tar Creek in Picher, Oklahoma, which holds millions of cubic yards of hazardous mining waste, as well as dozens of brownfields redevelopment sites across Region 6. By working with local, state, and tribal partners to clean up hazardous waste, Coleman and his teams have improved the quality of life and brought economic development to communities throughout Region 6.

Robert D. Lawrence, Senior Policy Advisor, EPA Region 6

Rob Lawrence has served as the Senior Policy Advisor to the EPA Regional Administrator and Senior Staff since May of 2003. Covering all aspects of energy issues related to the environment, he is responsible for the overall coordination of energy initiatives within the EPA Region 6 area of jurisdiction (Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Texas) with a focus on working with members of the regulated community as well as federal, state and tribal regulatory agencies. Priorities of the position include: development of traditional as well as alternative and/or renewable energy sources, advocacy of energy efficiency and energy conservation, and process streamlining of permit decisions for energy infrastructure projects such as liquefied natural gas terminals under the Deepwater Port Act and transmission lines and pipelines. Lawrence also serves as the lead EPA staff member for the EPA/Interstate Oil and Gas Compact Commission task force. He has worked for EPA in the Dallas regional office since July of 1990 in a number of management and staff positions. Previously, he worked for the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality between September 1980 and July 1990. Lawrence received his Bachelors and Masters degrees from Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge.

Lisa Matthews, Senior Advisor, Office of Research and Development

Lisa Matthews is a senior advisor in EPA's Office of Research and Development. She serves as state liaison and is the lead for stakeholder engagement for EPA's Hydraulic Fracturing Study. She also serves

as Executive Secretary for the Committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Sustainability of the National Science and Technology Council. Prior to her current position, Matthews served as Special Assistant to the EPA Science Advisor where she worked on development and implementation of policies and guidance related to EPA's science and technology priorities. From June 2007 to March 2009, she was on assignment to the Environmental Council of the States, the national association of state environmental agency leaders, to foster cooperation and coordination in environmental management between EPA and state agencies. She also has worked in EPA's Office of the Administrator and Superfund program and on detail to the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy. Matthews received her BS degree in Chemistry from Wake Forest University and MS degree in Analytical Chemistry from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

E. Ramona Trovato, Acting Principal Deputy Assistant Administrator, Office of Research and Development

Ramona Trovato is the Acting Principal Deputy Assistant Administrator for EPA's Office of Research and Development. She provides executive leadership on EPA's hydraulic fracturing research. During her distinguished 33 year career at EPA, Trovato has served in numerous leadership positions in the Office of the Administrator, Office of Water, Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance, Office of Air and Radiation, Office of Environmental Information and Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response, as well as her present leadership position in ORD. She has successfully led many implementation initiatives focused on improving operational performance, and building efficiency into environmental protection efforts. Some notable examples include her work in protecting and promoting children's health; developing and implementing the Comprehensive State Ground Water Protection Program; working with the private sector and states to make the best and highest use of properties cleaned up under the Superfund program; and, developing and implementing the National Environmental Laboratory Accreditation Program. Among the many awards received during government service, she was recognized with the Distinguished Career Award in recognition of extraordinary leadership and exceptional dedication in serving the American people, and the President's Meritorious Executive Rank Award for building strong coalitions and partnerships to achieve environmental and public health goals. She has a BS degree in Zoology from the University of Maryland at College Park and has undertaken additional studies in chemistry, facilitation, negotiation, information technology management, management and leadership throughout her career.